

## The Bloomfield Record.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1875.

### Township Committee.

Regular meeting, June 11th. Road Committee reported bill of John O'Rourke, contractor, \$447,75 which was ordered paid.

Bill of Jas. Hughes, \$25, ordered paid.

Bill of Mabel Association, \$39.75, paid.

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The following accounts were ordered settled:

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"The library where the concert was given is so original and beautiful of itself that it deserves special notice, which, however, our space will not allow of. It is spacious, being about 30X20 feet in size, and has a large arched opening at the wide entrance, the alcove being used on this occasion as a miniature stage just accommodating the vocal quartette who delighted the guests. Over the entrance is an organ gallery, with winding stairs on either side of the doorway, and on both sides of the room are exquisite bookcases of solid carved oak, ornamented with holly and surmounted with the busts of renowned men of the past. In these cases are stored the accumulated literary wealth of a most learned connoisseur, who for many years has hot and a propensity of becoming the possessor of very valuable books, and who has purchased them in costly and elegant binding. The ceiling is about twenty feet high, and is embossed and frescoed with elaborate and artistic designs."

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John Gearing, German, residing in the northern part of the township, was the victim of a shooting affair last Saturday night, but fortunately was not dangerously hurt. While he was quietly sitting on the bank of Morris Mill Pond engaged, in fishing, it was started by the report of a gun and the peculiar sensation that he had been shot. Immediately jumping up and halting his supposed assailant, whom he saw in the woods some distance off, he was greeted with a shot from the other barrel of the gun, some of the charge taking effect in his arm and shoulder. Gearing was able to get to his home, when it was discovered that several shots had penetrated his thigh, passing clear through. He made a complaint again a man named Simeon Kiesler, who was arrested by Constable Haff and examined before Justice Day on Tuesday. A further hearing in the case is to be had next Monday. There are doubts as to Gearing's identification of the man arrested, as it was dark, also in regard to the motive for the shooting. The generally accepted theory is that Kiesler, who was indeed the assailant, was probably under the influence of liquor.

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### The Eusebian.

An interesting and important public meeting of the Eusebian Society will be held on Monday evening, June 21st, at the society rooms, at eight o'clock, P. M. The exercises will consist of reading the *Meteor* by the editor, Mr. J. B. Maxfield, and a debate on the following question, viz:

"Resolved: That the course of study in our public schools should embrace all those studies commonly required to gain admission to our college and scientific schools." Mr. Halsey M. Barrett will open the debate on the affirmative and Mr. Phoebe W. Lyon on the negative, after which it is hoped that our citizens, especially those not members of the society, will participate in the discussion of a question of practical interest in our town at the present time.

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### State Items.

It is expected that trains will be running over the new Long Branch Railroad on Monday next.

Tenafly is much excited over a supposed case of kidnapping. Charley Powell, the little son of a widowed mother, disappeared suddenly and unexpectedly on Thursday afternoon. A suspicious looking man was seen loitering in the neighborhood Thursday and is supposed to have taken the boy away.

A number of enterprising residents of Bordentown are taking measures to secure a proper location for a sewing machine manufactory in the place. The company want four and a half acres of land on which to erect their buildings, and about one hundred and sixty thousand dollars worth of machinery will be placed in them and over two hundred workmen will be employed.

Rev. Phoebe A. Hanford, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Jersey City, on the last Sunday in May, exchanged pleasantries with her son, Rev. Howard Alcott Hanford, who is pastor of St. Paul's Church in Little Falls, N. Y. This is the first pastoral exchange on record between mother and son.

The Long Branch beach is generally in splendid condition for bathing this summer. The winter storms have made a bar of sand extending twenty or thirty feet out, and in front of the West End one can wade out a large distance without going deeper than to the arms. Everything seems to contribute to the success of this year's season at the branch, except the action of the hucksters, who evidently have been pupils of those at Niagara.

On Saturday evening the citizens of Summit, Union county, were shocked upon learning that Mr. J. Arnold, an old resident, had died from the effects of a pistol shot fired by his own hands. It seems, as near as can be learned, that for some time past he has been suffering from illness which, coupled with a prey upon his mind as to render him insane. The pistol used was a small Smith & Wesson, and he must have died almost instantly, as the ball passed through his body, close to his heart.

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Montclair and Bloomfield were both well represented at the meeting of the Essex Co. Teachers Association at Caldwell on Saturday last. The attendance was large and a variety of subjects connected with educational matters were fully and fully discussed. The exercises in grammar and arithmetic conducted by Miss Clothier and Miss Thomas of the Caldwell High School, were of more than ordinary interest and reflected great credit upon teachers and pupils.

Should some of our New York friends who are making so much noise over the condition of the Harlem Flats, visit Montclair, and walk up Bloomfield avenue, past the stores of Mattison, Wheeler, Richter, and others, they would be compelled to admit, that our perfumery in that section is a great deal stronger than Disticker's, but now that the innocent cause has been discovered, do not our efficient health officer will take such steps as shall leave no cause for complaint in the future.

Our streets are again becoming very dusty. A canvas is being made to secure a fund to be used in watering Glenwood avenue, the Center, and parts of Broad street and Bloomfield avenue. It is hoped that there will be a satisfactory response, so that this greatly needed measure may be adopted.

The proprietor of the store on Glenwood avenue known as the Surprise, advertises extensively in this week's paper, giving prices of clothing, dry goods, notions, etc.

Geo. C. Lind, newsdealer, left town before daylight Tuesday morning, leaving behind a considerable list of creditors and debtors.

The Township Committee of East Orange, have been embarrassed for some months, owing to the failure of property owners to come forward and pay their taxes. A special collector of taxes has been appointed who has levied upon the personal effects of a number of the delinquents. Some of the committee, however, still think the money is coming in too slowly, and in consequence the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the Special Collector of Taxes be instructed to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes by making a levy upon the personal property of every person now owing the township taxes within this and next week.

The war of extermination is being waged against the grasshoppers in Minnesota, by the authorities, who pay a bounty upon the captured "hoppers." A telegram from Mankato states that men, women and children are all on the war path, and it is estimated that the money will be largely destroyed. There were about 1,000,000 bushels paid for in the different towns in Blue Earth county Monday—Sunday and Monday's catch. I was out to day where they receive them, and at the rate they are brought in it looks as though a few days more would pretty effectively clean them out. They bring them in by teams, with wheelbarrows, and on their backs. A crowd is kept waiting continually, as many not being able to measure them as fast as they are brought in, while the second takes them in quantity, and a third and fourth takes tickets for the amount. They have a long, deep ditch, into which they empty them. One family made \$55 in one day at \$3.20 per bushel—10 cents a quart. There was a man at Madelia who, when they commence burning them, would not raise a finger to assist in their destruction—said it was a dispensation of Providence, and should not be interfered with, as soon as a bounty was offered he was catching them on Sunday, his whole family assisting. Another one drove parties off his farm with a pitchfork since the bounty system was adopted, telling them they were his grasshoppers, and he was going to catch them. These incidents illustrate the effect of the bounty system.

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### List of Letters

Remaining unclaimed at the Post Office in Bloomfield, on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1875.

Brown, Mrs. Clara  
Brodin, Wm.  
Connor, Mrs. Lucy  
Cox, Martin  
Dunn, Mrs. Wm.  
Van Dusen, Wm.  
Durr, Michael  
Eaton, Jennie E.  
Fenely, Fasey  
Garabrant, K.  
Garrison, Charles  
Hartnett, Mrs. Edward  
Haslam, Mrs. Edward  
Hawkins, Alexander  
Henderson, Robert  
Jenkins, Mrs. Sarah

James, Miss E.  
Kelly, Wm.  
Mallion, Bridget  
McKee, Mrs. John  
Mortimer, B.  
Peck, Charles  
Perry, Harry  
Shea, Korah  
Taylor, Mary H.  
White, John  
Williams, Mrs. C. M.  
Wright, John  
Walsh, John  
Wesner, Christina

Any person calling for the above letters will please say "advertiser."

H. DODD, P. M.

NEW TEAS

in this town. For Prices and Quality, none